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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

The vast majority of the provisions within the settlement only formalize the status quo. Of the remaining provisions, none will effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current monopoly position in the operating system market. This is especially important in view of the seriousness of Microsoft's past transgressions.

Most important, the proposed settlement does nothing to correct Microsoft's previous actions. There are no provisions that correct or redress their previous abuses. They only prohibit the future repetition of those abuses. This, in my opinion, goes against the very foundation of law. If a person or organization is able to commit illegal acts, benefit from those acts and then receive as a "punishment" instructions that they cannot commit those acts again, they have still benefited from their illegal acts. That is hardly justice, and is a severe blow to those who have suffered from Microsoft's wrongdoing!

Though the legal proceedings for the case are taking place within the United States, the course of action chosen by the Court will have an effect outside its borders. Microsoft's products are not used only by Americans, but by computer users worldwide, including people such as myself - a Canadian citizen. I ask that the Court keep this in mind when determining its rulings - Microsoft's actions have not only harmed Americans but also people from around the world.

I applaud the Court's desire to reach a settlement in this long-running case, and I hope that desire does not lead to a rushed and possibly unjust settlement simply for settlement's sake. A wrong that is not corrected will only be compounded in the future.

Sincerely,

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